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Chief, Strategic Resources Division
Office of Global Issues

SUBJECT: Afghanistan: 1983 Grain Assessment [REDACTED]

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1. The attached memorandum assesses the 1983 grain production in Afghanistan. We found the 1983 Afghan harvest was good in most areas, about the same as 1982. [REDACTED]

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2. This assessment was produced by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Agricultural Assessments Branch, Strategic Resources Division, Office of Global Issues. [REDACTED]

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3. Comments and questions are welcome and may be addressed to the Chief, Agricultural Assessments Branch, [REDACTED]

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Attachment:

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Afghanistan: 1983 Grain AssessmentSummary

The 1983 grain harvest in Afghanistan was good in most areas, approximately the same as 1982. The major exception was in the Khowst valley where the harvest was delayed and the crop was poor. The 1983 wheat harvest, the primary grain crop and staple of Afghanistan, is estimated at approximately 3 million metric tons, sufficient to supply the rural population and to support the insurgent forces. Urban areas are experiencing some food shortages, largely due to the breakdown in the transportation and distribution system, necessitating the continued importation of substantial amounts of Soviet grain. Military activity appears to have had no significant effect on overall grain production in 1983.

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